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1. WE GAVE LIST OF FIRMS COMMITTED TO SEMINAR TO MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE JANUARY 30, 1976. MINISTRY IS VERY PLEASED THAT EPSTEIN WILL PARTICIPATE. MINISTRY OFFICIALS HAVE HEARD FROM THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN POLAND THAT EPSTEIN'S WORK IS OF HIGHEST CALIBER. OTHER FIRMS ELICITED NO COMMENT, EXCEPT HOPE THAT SEMINAR TOPICS WOULD CORRESPOND TO THOSE MINISTRY HAD RECOMMENDED, AND WHICH WE TRANSMITTED IN 75 PRAGUE 3189. IN THIS REGARD, WE WONDER ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR PAPER ON FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROCESSING.

2. WE HAVE AGREED WITH MINISTRY OFFICIALS THAT BEST PROGRAM WILL BE AN OPENING RECEPTION EVENING OF APRIL 8, FORMAL SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS APRIL 9, LEAVING APRIL 12 FREE FOR INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS AND PLANT TOURS.

3. THE DEGREE TO WHICH FOOD SECTOR OFFICIALS ARE INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH US SUPPLIERS OF FOOD PROCESSING AND PACKAGING EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY IS EMPHASIZED BY FACT THAT APRIL 12 IS OPENING DAY OF FIFTEENTH PARTY CONGRESS, AND MINISTRY OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN PREPARING PRESENTATIONS FOR CONGRESS ARE NEVERTHELESS ENTHUSIASTICALLY
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